



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW2005

AUGUST 15, 2005

Hot and Humid with Scattered Showers

Rain showers earlier in the week were replaced by hot and humid conditions. **Corn** and **soybeans** are in fair to good condition. **Cucumbers** are above average with 82 percent harvested compared with 63 percent last year and 61 percent for the five-year average. Third cutting of alfalfa **hay** is 85 percent complete and some farmers have started the fourth cutting. There were **6.2 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good.

Pasture was rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 7 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 7 percent very short, 9 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	25	16	19	14
Cantaloups	66	60	74	63
Cucumbers	82	80	63	61
Lima Beans (processed)	68	63	59	37
Peaches	73	42	65	58
Potatoes	53	52	56	71
Snap Beans	90	89	84	69
Sweet Corn	73	62	96	70
Tomatoes	53	39	69	52
Watermelons	56	43	61	46
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Blooming	76	63	88	66
Soybeans Setting pods	44	31	73	46
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	85	81	74	65
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	37	29	42	35

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	11	44	45	-
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	68	32
Five Year Average	11	14	56	19
Subsoil Moisture	8	29	63	-
Subsoil (2004)	-	3	74	23
Five Year Average	15	10	62	13

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.35	31.65	6.17	94	69	80	4
Easton	1.47	29.74	1.92	94	70	80	4
Frederick	0.34	26.65	1.95	98	68	80	9
Frostburg	1.05	25.71	-5.09	90	62	73	6
Hagerstown	0.25	18.4	-5.88	96	67	79	5
Mechanicsville	2.68	27.86	-0.61	92	68	79	4
Patuxent River	2.67	27.5	1.37	92	73	82	7
Ocean City	0.45	30.64	2.2	92	71	80	6
Salisbury	0.01	32.74	4.23	94	64	79	3
Sharpsburg	0.58	22.83	-1.87	97	66	78	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.33	28.21	4.24	95	72	82	3
Delaware							
Dover	2.43	32.83	5.38	93	70	80	4
Georgetown	1.66	29.88	2.4	94	69	80	6
Wilmington	0.21	24.5	-1.47	96	69	81	6

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.